

**STATEWIDE INTEROPERABILITY GOVERNING BOARD  
(SIGB)  
MINUTES  
June 17, 2014**

**ATTENDEES:** Leo Dutton, MSPOA; Ron Baldwin, SCIO; Jeff Fisher, DMA; Geoff Feiss, MTA; Mike Doto, MT VFA; Jon Swartz, MDT; Jayne Rogers, MEMSA; Tim Burton, Governor's Office; Bonnie Lorang, MITS; Patrick Lonergan, MSFCA; Shantil Siaperas, MACO Alternate; Tom Butler, DOJ Alternate; Jeff Fisher, DMA; Jason Smith, Indian Affairs

**CONFERENCE CALL:** Dorothy Gremaux, MLCT Alternate; Roger Nasset, MACOP

**GUESTS:** Quinn Ness, SWIC; Warren Dupuis, SPOC; Dan Sullivan, PSCB; Chad Hultin, PSCB; Wing Spooner, PSCB; Clint Loss, MEMSA; Joe Mann, Motorola; Keith Cook, Motorola;

**Call to Order:** Leo Dutton, SIGB Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm. Board members and guests introduced themselves.

**Approval of May Minutes:** Mike Doto moved to accept the May minutes as presented, Jeff Fisher seconded, motion passed.

**Status Report: NPSBN Initiatives Activities Nationwide Public Safety Broadband Network:**

**Public Safety Communications Research Conference:**

Warren Dupuis reported on the June 3-5<sup>th</sup> conference he attended in Westminster, CO on Public Safety Communications Research; which also included a Public Safety Stakeholder's Conference. The three-day conference brought together representatives from public safety, federal agencies, industry, and academia. Participants learned about recent work efforts related to the build out of the NPSBN as well as test results from the PSCR program's PSBB 700-MHz Band 14 Demonstration Network. A synopsis of all presentations and speakers can be reviewed at [http://sitsd.mt.gov/policy/councils/sigb/2014\\_june\\_meeting.mcp](http://sitsd.mt.gov/policy/councils/sigb/2014_june_meeting.mcp).

**FirstNet Initial Consultation Package:**

Warren Dupuis acting as the SPOC for Montana reported on FirstNet's current status. The state is in the beginning stages of FirstNet implementation.

- Received and reviewed the initial consultation letter and checklist from FirstNet.
- Drafted response to FirstNet's questions from Appendix A.
- Reviewed by SIGB at today's meeting, will send FirstNet the State's reply to questions from Appendix A.

#### Next Stages:

- Schedule FirstNet onsite visit to Montana. Four dates have been selected in August, September, October and November and submitted to FirstNet. Dates to co-inside with scheduled SIGB meeting. FirstNet may require 1.5 to 2 days for initial meeting.
- Warren, acting as the SPOC, is available for stakeholder meetings and visits to associations to provide presentations on LMR transitioning to Broadband and/or other FirstNet information.
- There will be two separate types of outreach meetings: A.) Visits to associations B.) Visits to geographic areas for an estimated 18 meetings in total.
- The SIGB's governance structure makes Montana stand out in the FirstNet Outreach process.

#### Comments:

- Tom Butler commented about bringing FirstNet information to the legislature next year, regarding the importance of making sure there is no confusion whatsoever between LMR and FirstNet. He emphasized the fact that there will be no monetary federal assistance for LMR. Tim Burton agreed.
- A general fund appropriation is required only for the LMR system.
- Ron Baldwin announced that T.J. Kennedy, FirstNet Deputy General Manager, has offered to come to Montana to participate in some traveling around the state in order to assist with reviews. Ron Baldwin recommended this offer be honored.
- Bonnie Lorang suggested to not get caught up on labels as far as data systems and radio systems are concerned.
- Quinn Ness reminded everyone that when sharing information on FirstNet outside the SIGB, all FirstNet outreach materials can be found online.
- Quinn highly recommended that the Board take action on those FirstNet representatives who have offered to come to Montana; those being T.J. Kenney, FirstNet board members, Chief Johnson or FirstNet's Director of Government Affairs.

### **Status Report: LMR Initiatives & Activities:**

**Statewide Communications Interop Plan (SCIP):** SIGB members reviewed the most recent SCIP draft, while Quinn Ness went over suggested changes. Discussion ensued.

MOTION: Geoff Feiss moved to approve and adopt the SCIP document as drafted and to include changes made today by MITS and MFCA. Jeff Fisher seconded, motion passed.

**Statewide Trunked SLMR System: Motorola Extended Warranty:** Quinn reported on the proposed budget for Motorola's extended warranty for the trunked LMR system maintenance services.

#### The Proposed Process:

- Motorola will contract with each equipment owner directly.
- MDOA/SITSD will award HB10 funding to the equipment owner for reimbursement of expenditures.
- Standardized Motorola Warranty Services include: 1) Technical Support; 2) Infrastructure Repair; and 3) Advanced Replacement.
- All trunked system equipment (dispatch consoles & trunking) owners receive funding for the same standardized services.

- Each entity can purchase additional services from Motorola at their discretion using other (non- HB 10) funding sources.

The updated Motorola Quote Montana Service Proposal can be reviewed on the SIGB website at this link: [http://sitsd.mt.gov/policy/councils/sigb/2014\\_june\\_meeting.mcp.x](http://sitsd.mt.gov/policy/councils/sigb/2014_june_meeting.mcp.x).

Quinn noted that there was a unique situation with Hill County in which they already had extended warranty services, as Hill County had previously executed an agreement during the time the proposal was being vetted out. Therefore, this proposal would only be paying for an extension of those services. Because of this, Hill County is not included in the proposal, but they have requested that they be considered for reimbursement for the same services everyone else is receiving.

MOTION: Jayne Rogers moved that the SIGB recommend that the Department of Administration implement Motorola's proposal dated May 1, 2014 for extended warranty services for the statewide trunked LMR system. Jeff Fisher Seconded. The motion passed.

**Statewide Trunked LMR System Usage:** Moved to next month, Charlie Gilmore not present.

**Adjourn:** The meeting adjourned at 3:30. The next meeting will be held July 8<sup>th</sup> at the state capitol in Room 102.